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1. MODERATE, PRO-JORDANIAN AL QUDS FEATURES IN BANNER HEADLINES
A JORDANIAN OFFICIAL POSITION TOWARD THE WEST BANK AND CAMP DAVID:
"JORDAN LEAVES THE CHOICE TO THE WEST BANKERS TO DECIDE THEMSELVES
AND FIRMLY SUPPORTS FULL ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL AND A COMPREHENSIVE
SETTLEMENT OF THE PALESTINIAN CASE."

2. THE STORY FOLLOWING IS ATTRIBUTED TO JORDANIAN "OFFICIAL
CIRCLES" AND STATES "JORDAN WILL RESPECT THE WISHES AND
OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE OF THE WEST BANK AND WILL HELP THEM IN
IMPLEMENTING THIS IN WORLD AND ARAB CIRCLES." THE ARTICLE
FURTHER ADDS, "JORDAN SUPPORTS THEIR FREEDOM TO STATE THEIR
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OPINION IN THE DETERMINATION OF THEIR FUTURE," AND THAT
HUSSEIN "INFORMED ASSAD OF THIS TWO DAYS AGO AND RECEIVED HIS
SUPPORT." END UNCLASSIFIED

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3. COMMENT: AL QUDS EDITOR MAHMUD ABU ZALAF WROTE THIS ARTICLE

FRESH FROM A WEEK LONG VISIT TO AMMAN WHERE HE HAD HOPED
"TO SEE HIGH OFFICIALS." THIS REPORT IS THE FIRST PUBLIC
UNVEILING OF A SO CALLED JORDANIAN OFFICAL STANCE TOWARD WHAT ACTION
WEST BANKERS LOOKING TO AMMAN SHOULD TAKE. BY ADOPTING A "WE'LL
LEAVE IT UP TO YOU FOR THE TIME BEING" ATTITUDE, JORDAN AT LEAST
APPEARS TO BE KEEPING ITS OPTIONS OPEN.
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